

# Newsletter

## Shannon Town and Environs Flood Relief Scheme



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### WHAT STAGE IS THE STUDY AT?

In the period since the last Project Newsletter was issued (August 2023) the project steering group (comprising of Clare County Council, the OPW, Shannon Airport Authority) are continuing to ensure that the development of the scheme is based on the most accurate and up to date information.

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE PREFERRED OPTION

The emerging preferred option comprises the following:

- **Improved coastal defences designed for the 0.1% AEP (1 in 1000 year event)**
  - Increased embankment heights
  - New embankments
  - New walkways and public amenities

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- **Improvement works along the Urlan Beg Stream, Clonloghan Stream, Culleen Stream and Mogullaan Stream which include:**
  - New flood walls and embankments
  - Culvert upgrades
  - Pumping Station Upgrades
- The Options Report is currently being updated and expected to be finalised Q3 2024.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION DAY 2

A public information evening was held on the 25th of October 2023 from 4 pm to 8 pm in Treacys Oakwood Hotel, Airport Road Shannon, Co. Clare.

The event was organized and attended by staff from Clare County Council, the OPW and RPS.

This was the second of such events with the first one being held virtually on the 18th June 2021, which served as an introduction to the development of a Flood Relief Scheme for Shannon Town and Environs.

The event was advertised in the Clare Echo on 19th October 2023 and Clare Champion on the 13th October 2023. The event was advertised on Clare FM from Friday 20th October 2023 to 25th October 2023. The event was also advertised via social media and the project website.



Details of the public consultation were also posted on the Shannon FRS Website ([www.shannontownandenvironsfrs.com](http://www.shannontownandenvironsfrs.com)) with the opportunity for members of the public to submit comments online until 5th December 2023.



Overall, the PCD event was positively received with 28 people attending the in-person event. In general, there was very good engagement with the attendees.

A number of observations were made including the following:

- A number of attendees had concerns about lands outside of the remit of the Shannon Town and Environs Flood Relief Scheme.
- It was noted that there are poor ground conditions at locations adjacent to the scheme which resulted in difficulties in previous construction works by third parties.
- Importance of maintaining existing slip (and access) near breakwater.
- Lack of availability of flood insurance in Shannon.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Over the coming months, the design team will work on progressing the following:

- Completing the EIAR

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- Lodging a Maritime Area Consent Application
- Progressing the Preliminary Design
- Landowner consultation

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIAR)

The final preferred scheme is currently being developed to a sufficient detail to allow the Environmental Impact Assessment process to commence.

The EIA process ensures that projects that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment, are assessed in advance, so that people are aware of what those effects are likely to be.

The EIAR will set out proposals to deal with any potentially negative effects.

It is expected that the EIAR for the Shannon Town & Environs Flood Relief Scheme will be completed in Q3 2024.

### MARITIME AREA CONSENT

The Maritime Area Consent (MAC) is a new planning process set out under the Maritime Area Planning Act (2021) and replaces the old foreshore licensing system.

Developers who have been assessed for, and are subsequently awarded, a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) can then proceed to apply for development permission (planning permission) from An Bord Pleanála, where the project proposals will undergo environmental assessment.

Upon receipt of a MAC application, projects are assessed in key areas, including financial and technical competency, in order to ensure that only viable projects can apply for development permission from An Bord Pleanála.

A pre-application meeting was carried out with MARA on 29th February.

It is anticipated that the MAC application will be submitted in Q3 2024.

### LANDOWNER CONSULTATION

As the footprint of the proposed scheme is finalised and the land impacts are established, Clare County Council and the project team will ensure all affected landowners are consulted and made aware of the temporary and permanent impacts of the scheme.

Consultations with individual landowners will take place in advance of the planning submission to An Bord Pleanála.

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### Outline Project Programme

#### SCHEME STAGES:

**Stage I: Option Assessment, Scheme Development and Design**

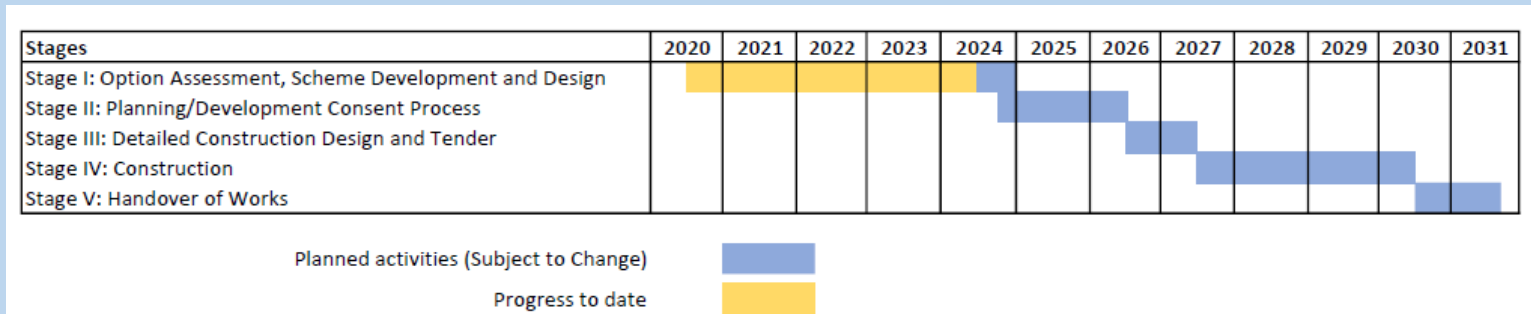
- Data Gathering /Topographical Survey (Complete)
- Hydrological Analysis & Hydraulic Modelling (Complete)
- Option Assessments & Preferred Option Selection (Substantially Complete)
- Environmental Assessment (EIAR) (Underway)

**Stage II: Planning / Development Consent**

**Stage III: Detailed Construction Design and Tender**

**Stage IV: Construction Supervision and Project Management**

**Stage V: Handover**



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